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Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be the "The Minnesota Society of the Sons of the American Revolution."

ARTICLE II.

The object and purpose of this Society is to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants, the patriotic spirit of the men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel achieved American Independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the Revolution and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members now and hereafter.

ARTICLE III.

Any male person shall be eligible for membership in this Society who is descended from a Revolutionary ancestor and who is of the age of twenty-one years, and whose ancestor was either a military or nava officer, soldier, or sailor, or an official in the service of any of the thirteen original Colonies or States, or a recognized patriot who rendered material service in the cause of Independence.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, five honorary Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar and a Historian; provided that the offices of Secretary, Registrar and Historian, or any two of them, may be vested in one person.

ARTICLE V.

A meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business shall be held annually in the city of Saint Paul, on the 26th day of December of each year; and a meeting for social purposes shall be held annually at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine, the same to be held, as far as is practicable, upon the anniversary of some event in Revolutionary history.

At each annual meeting there shall be elected, in addition to the officers provided for in Article IV, one delegate at large, and one delegate for each one hundred or fraction of one hundred, exceeding fifty members, who together with such officers as are provided for by the constitution of the National Society shall represent this Society in the National Society.

In case of failure to elect said delegates as above provided, or their alternates, the President may appoint the same; and in case of the death or resignation of any officer of said Society his successor shall be elected by the Board of Managers, to hold his position until the next annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be a Board of Managers whose duty it shall be to conduct the affairs of this Society, which Board shall consist of the officers of this Society and twenty other members of the Society who shall be elected at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

All ex-Presidents of said Society shall be by virtme of their having held the office of President, Past-Presidents of said Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be amended, altered or repealed, provided written resolutions to that effect are first presented to the Board of Managers and approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said Board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose; and provided said amendments are approved by a majority of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Society.

By-Laws.

SECTION 1. All applications for membership in this Society shall be upon blank forms furnished by the Society, and each application shall be accompanied by the membership fee, which shall be returned if the applicant is not accepted.

SECTION 2. All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Registrar for examination, and shall be reported by him to the Board of Managers; and when the same shall be approved by said Board of Managers, the Secretary shall enter upon the records of said Society, the fact of the election of such applicant to membership and shall notify said member of his election, and said application shall be then returned to the Registrar for preservation; and upon payment of the membership fees and dues for the first fiscal year (or part thereof as provided in section three) the applicant shall become a member of this Society.

SECTION 3. The membership fee shall be two dollars, and the annual dues two dollars. Provided, that if any member shall join said Society during the last six months of any fiscal year he shall be required to pay one dollar only on account of the yearly dues for that current year.

The payment of fifty dollars by a member at any one time shall constitute the person paying such sum, a life member and he shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Annual dues shall be payable to the Treasurer on or before the first day of January in each year. The Treasurer shall notify persons who are three months in arrears, and in case the member so notified shall not make payment of said dues within three months thereafter, said Treasurer shall report at the ensuing meeting of the Society, the names of all members who shall then be six months or more in arrears, and this Society may direct the names of said members to be stricken from the rolls thereof.

SECTION 4. The members of this Society shall meet in the city of St. Paul, annually on the 26th day of December, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting the business of this Society. In case said day shall fall on Sunday the meeting shall be held on the following day. In the election of officers a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for a choice; and fifteen members of the society shall constitute a quorum thereof for the transaction of business, or election of officers at any meeting of said society.

SECTION 5. The Society shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of celebrating some event in Revolutionary history, the time and place for holding such annual meeting to be determined by the Board of Managers; and said Board shall also determine the manner of such celebration, which shall include an oration, a poem, and a dinner whenever practicable.

SECTION 6. The regular meetings of the Board of Managers of this Society shall be held upon the Third Tuesday of January, April, July and October of each year, and special meetings thereof may be called by the President at any time; and shall be called upon the request of any three members of said Board. Five members of said Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof; but a less number than a quorum of said Managers or members at a meeting of said Board or of said Society may adjourn a meeting of said Board or of said Society, from time to time, until a quorum thereof is obtained.

SECTION 7. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or, in their absence, a Chairman *pro tem*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, and shall have a casting vote. The presiding officer shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the meeting.

SECTION 8. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society and shall notify members of their election and of such matters as the Society may direct. He shall have charge of the seal and of such records of the Society as are not herein given especially in charge of other officers of the Society. Together with the presiding officer, he shall certify all acts and orders of the Society. He shall, under direction of the President or acting president, give notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers and shall attend the same. He shall keep accurate reports of the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers and shall give such notices of the votes, orders and proceedings of the Society as the Society or Board of Managers shall direct.

SECTION 9. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and money becoming due or owing to said Society, and shall give his receipt for the same; which moneys so collected he shall deposit in some responsible bank, in

the name of the Society, and shall pay out for the benefit of the Society only, in such sums as the Society or Board of Managers shall direct, and upon the order of the Secretary countersigned by the President. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements; and at each annual meeting, and at such other times as required by the Board of Managers, shall make a full report to said Society or to said Board. The books and papers of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be open at all times to the inspection of the President, the Board of Managers and to the auditing committee.

SECTION 10. The members of the Board of Managers shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as is provided for the election of officers. They shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership, and shall have control and management of the affairs of the Society. They shall appoint an auditing committee. They may call special meetings at any time, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Society. They shall also have power to fill vacancies.

SECTION 11. The Registrar shall receive all applications and proofs for membership in this Society, from the Secretary, after they have been passed upon by the Board of Managers, and shall preserve the same in such way as may be directed by the Society or Board of Mangers. He shall also have the custody of all the historical, geographical and genealogical papers, books, manuscripts and relics of which the Society may become possessed.

He shall receive for his services such compensation as may be allowed by the Board of Managers, together with his proper disbursements, the same to be audited, as all other claims against the Society are audited, and he shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting of said Society.

SECTION 12. These By-laws shall not be altered nor amended unless such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the Board of Managers and entered upon the records, with the name of the member proposing the change, and adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

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